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Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R 1.56, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

Copies of the documents listed on the 1449 Form were previously either submitted by Applicant, cited by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application, U.S. Application No. 10/341,170, filed January 13, 2003, U.S. Application No. 10/135,006 filed on April 30, 2002, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/801,186 filed on

March 8, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,402,761 or U.S. Application Serial No. 09/427,553 filed October 27, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,217,589, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. §120. Therefore, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of these documents are not being submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on the 1449 Form and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

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